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JOHN'S REPORT ON FINNISH ORDER OF BATTLE (1942)

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To: ~~MOSEWEN~~ [1].

According to JOHN [DEBON] [11] the order of battle [SOSTAV] of the Finnish Army based on information obtained [by him] [a] is as follows:

1. Karelian Isthmus

4 Army Corps General GESCH [b]

1 Army Corps MAKINEN [MEKINEN], no count 9 (2 30%) infantry divisions [b], plus [b] groups unrecovered] VIINNA, PAJARI, HANNUKSILA, [5-9 divisions], MALLALO [a] and possibly BLICK.

4 Army Corps was severely mauled and of its original divisions General VIDMA's division alone remains.

2. SVIA Front

6 Army Corps General TALVELA

(5 Infantry Division General KARNU

17 1 2 General Division [b] STEWEN, 7 1 2 SVENSON

[b] groups unrecovered] division)

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3. OMEGA FRONT

- 7 Army Corps General HAGGLUND[HAGGLUND]
 - 4 Infantry Division PAALU
 - 2 Infantry Division HEISKANEN[d]
 - Cavalry [B¹ Brigade] OIKARINEN
 - 2 Jäger[HÄRKILJ] Brigade ^{South Command} ~~AKKASIS~~
 - 1 Jäger [PESKILJ]
- 2 Army Corps [4 groups unrecovered]
- 4 Infantry Division VILPARI[e]
- 8 Infantry Division
 - [11 groups unrecovered]
 - HEIKKILÄ

4. PULAJARVI FRONT

- 1 Infantry Division RAAPORA[f]

5. Northern SOROKA

All under the command of General FALKENBERG.

- 3 Army Corps SILLANPÄÄ[g]

9, 10, 11

two divisions [4 groups unrecovered], VIKLA

6. 163 Infantry Division[111] is awaiting an opportunity
[11 groups unrecovered]

Army Corps

- [40 groups unrecovered]
- [35 groups unrecoverable]
- [40 groups unrecovered]

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- Notes:
- [a] Inserted by the translator.
 - [b] Names of Commanding Officers are spelt out in the Latin alphabet throughout the message.
 - [c] A surname ending in "LO".
 - [d] Possibly a mistake for HEISKANEN.
 - [e] Possibly a mistake for VILJANEN.
 - [f] Possibly a mistake for RAAPPANA.
 - [g] Possibly a mistake for SIILASVUO.
- Comments:
- [i] NORTHERN: MOSCOW addressee and signatory. Probably Northern Department.
 - [ii] JOHN: Unidentified covername. Occurs as a source of information in August 1941 and at various dates between January and April 1942. See also STOCKHOLM: No. 74 of 16th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1552).
 - [iii] The 163rd German Infantry Division was in Finland at this time.
 - [iv] AKUSTO: Col. M.I. MIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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